

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member Programs and Services

Thirty-five domestic violence programs operated in Iowa during fiscal year 1994-95. Of those, 31 belonged to the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Almost two-thirds of the coalition's member programs served special populations, including Hispanics, those with physical and/or mental disabilities, and those who lived in rural areas.

Four of the coalition's member programs provided domestic violence services exclusively, and two provided sexual assault services exclusively. The remaining member programs provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services, making them dual programs. These dual programs, however, dedicated an average of 75 percent of their efforts to domestic violence, and 25 percent towards sexual assault-related services.

Exhibit 1 shows that at least 80 percent of the coalition's member programs offered various educational services. These services included education programs in elementary schools, high schools, colleges or universities, and communities. Training for professionals such as the police was offered by all member programs except one.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=29)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
23	Independently run domestic violence hotline
22	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
27	Support group for women
27	Legal advocacy program
25	Medical advocacy program
15	Specific support program for sheltered children
18	Services for non-sheltered children
26	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
24	Education programs in colleges or universities
27	Community education/speakers bureau
28	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Transitional/second-stage housing
6	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
3	Other services (<i>safe homes, payment of utility bills, Spanish translation</i>)

Exhibit 2 shows that at least 85 percent of the coalition's member programs that offered sexual assault services offered the same educational services as member programs that provided domestic violence services. In addition, almost all of the coalition's member programs provided one-on-one counseling and adult accompaniment and advocacy programs.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=27)
offering various sexual assault services**

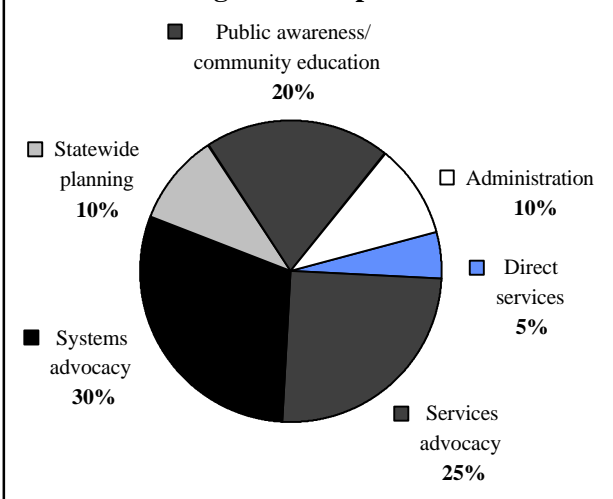
Number of programs	Service
17	Independently run sexual assault hotline
26	One-on-one counseling
22	Support group for adult women
14	Support group for teenage girls
3	Support group for male victims
17	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
9	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
7	Secondary support group for parents of victims
26	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
21	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
25	Legal advocacy program
24	Medical advocacy program
	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
23	
24	Education programs in colleges or universities
25	Community education/speakers bureau
25	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
17	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
2	Other services (<i>volunteer programs</i>)

Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

As figure 1 shows, a little over half of the coalition's efforts in fiscal year 1994-95 was directed towards systems and services advocacy. Systems advocacy includes work that will influence policy so that response to domestic violence or sexual assault can be improved; services advocacy includes work to support the growth and development of community-based domestic violence or sexual assault programs.

The coalition spent an additional one-fifth of its effort educating the public on domestic violence or sexual assault issues. The remaining efforts were dedicated to administrative tasks, statewide planning, and direct services to victims or families and friends of victims.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations



Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence undertook two special projects to enhance prevention of and response to domestic violence during fiscal year 1994-95.

Silent Witness Project

Description: The Silent Witness Project is a traveling memorial to women who have died as a result of domestic violence.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

AmeriCorps

Description: The AmeriCorps program provided rural outreach to victims of domestic violence as well as coalition building within the state of Iowa.

Purpose: Direct services

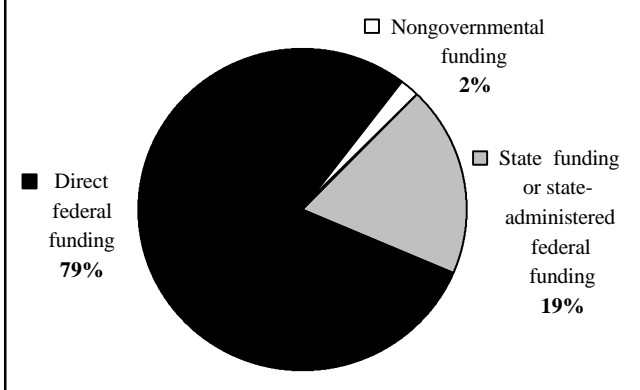
Funding source: Federal funding

Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence received funding that fell within the third quartile (\$175,001-\$425,000) of all funding reported by state coalitions against domestic violence. As figure 2 depicts, more than three-fourths of this funding was provided directly by the federal government. State-administered sources and nongovernmental sources provided the remaining funding, with the state government administering the majority of monies between the two sources.

A little more than half of the total funding received by the coalition was used to support its administrative and operating costs. The remaining funds were passed to member programs or other agencies for direct services to victims.

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Federal and State Funding

Two federal sources provided approximately 80 percent of the funding received by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The AmeriCorps program provided the overwhelming majority of federal money, with the state coalition grant of the federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act providing the rest (exhibit 3).

The Iowa state government administered a little less than 20 percent of the funding received by the coalition. The state formula grant of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act contributed about two-thirds of state-administered monies, and funds from the Governor's training supplied the rest.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State-funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmeriCorps • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), state coalition grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, state formula grant • Governor's Training

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Nongovernmental sources provided less than five percent of the coalition's funding. Local program dues generated 80 percent of this money, while the remaining 20 percent came from contract fees (shown as "other nongovernmental sources" in exhibit 4).

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Local program dues	80%
Other nongovernmental sources	20%

*Nongovernmental funding was 2% of total funding.

Funds Passed to Local Programs

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence distributed almost half of its total funding to its member programs during fiscal year 1994-95. All of this money came from the federal AmeriCorps program.

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Member Programs and Services

During fiscal year 1994-95, 29 sexual assault programs operated in the state of Iowa, 27 of which were members of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Almost 50 percent of these programs had specific components for certain groups, including Spanish-speaking populations and individuals with various handicaps.

Of the 27 member programs, 21 provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services. Several of these dual programs provided services related to incest issues for clients who had initially come for services due to battering. The other six programs provided sexual assault services exclusively.

As exhibit 5 shows, at least 95 percent of the member programs provided an independently run sexual assault hotline, one-on-one counseling, adult accompaniment, and legal and medical advocacy programs. Less than 20 percent of all member programs provided support groups for male victims, and only one program provided treatment or rehabilitation for sexual offenders.

**Exhibit 5. Number of coalition member programs (N=27)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
26	Independently run sexual assault hotline
27	One-on-one counseling
21	Support group for adult women
10	Support group for teenage girls
5	Support group for male victims
14	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
4	Secondary support groups for spouses/partners of victims
3	Secondary support groups for parents of victims
27	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
16	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
26	Legal advocacy program
27	Medical advocacy program
22	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
23	Education programs in colleges or universities
24	Community education/speakers bureau
23	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
20	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
2	Other services (<i>emergency transportation, translators for non-English speakers</i>)

All of the 21 member programs that offered domestic violence services provided a number of direct support services to victims of domestic violence (exhibit 6). This included both legal and medical advocacy programs, an independently run domestic violence hotline, and support groups for women.

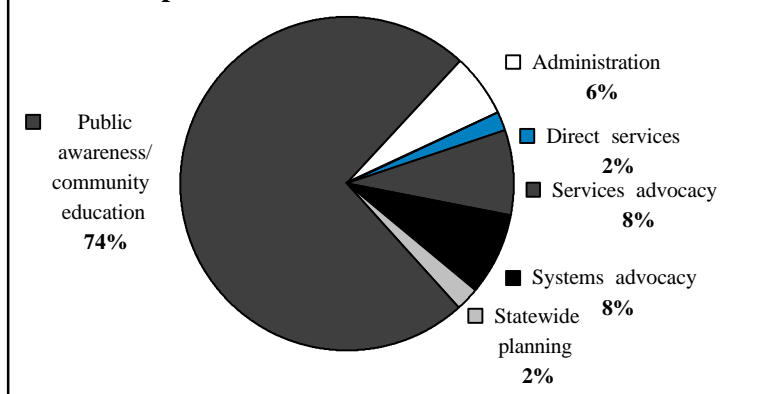
Exhibit 6. Number of coalition member programs (N=21) offering various domestic violence services

Number of programs	Service
21	Independently run domestic violence hotline
17	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
21	Support group for women
21	Legal advocacy program
21	Medical advocacy program
11	Specific support program for sheltered children
8	Services for non-sheltered children
21	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
18	Education programs in colleges or universities
21	Community education/speakers bureau
21	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Transitional/second-stage housing
1	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
3	Other services (<i>emergency transportation, women's education programs, translators for non-English speakers</i>)

Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault expended three-fourths of its efforts on educating and mobilizing the general public around domestic violence or sexual assault issues. The remainder of the coalition's efforts was spread among 5 different areas: services advocacy, systems advocacy, administration, and direct services to victims or families and supporters of victims. Figure 3 depicts the percentage of effort dedicated to each of these areas.

Figure 3. Percentage of effort allocated at the sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Special Projects of the Sexual Assault Coalition

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault identified two special projects it conducted during fiscal year 1994-95. Both projects were directed towards enhancing the prevention of and response to sexual assault.

Reclaiming Our Lives

Description: Reclaiming Our Lives is the name given to a grant to provide a therapist for incest survivors in a women's prison.

Purpose: Direct services

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Challenging the so-called "False Memory Syndrome"

Description: This project provides conferences and training to help therapists and others respond to the "False Memory Syndrome."

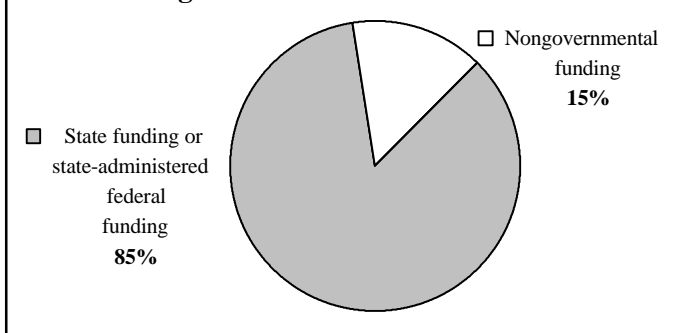
Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault received funding that fell within the third quartile (\$75,001 - \$200,000) of all funding reported by sexual assault coalitions. The coalition did not receive any money directly from the federal government, but rather, 85 percent of its funding came from state-administered sources. Another 15 percent came from nongovernmental funds (figure 4).

Figure 4. Funding sources: Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault



The total amount of funding received by the coalition was used to support its internal work. This included activities such as office administration, operating expenses, and special projects. The coalition did not distribute any funding to its local member programs.

Federal and State Funding

The state government in Iowa administered all governmental funding for the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Four-fifths of that money came from a Preventive Health Block Grant, with the remaining one-fifth being provided by appropriated or general state funds.

Exhibit 7. Sources of government funding reported by the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventive Health Block Grant Appropriated/General state funds

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault received a small percentage of funding from three nongovernmental sources. As exhibit 8 shows, nearly three-fourths of the nongovernmental funding was provided by foundation or corporate grants. An additional one-quarter of the coalition's funding came from local program dues. The remaining small percentage of nongovernmental funding came from general membership dues.

Exhibit 8. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percent of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	74%
Local program dues	25%
General membership dues	1%

*Nongovernmental funding was 15% of total funding.

Iowa State Government Agencies

Only one agency provided funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs in Iowa for fiscal year 1994-95. This was the Iowa Department of Justice. Its division of Crime Victim Assistance distributed approximately \$2.3 million for domestic violence and sexual assault services.

Iowa Department of Justice, Crime Victim Assistance Division

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

The Crime Victim Assistance Division of the Iowa Department of Justice reported separately on funding for domestic violence organizations and sexual assault organizations. Of the \$2,258,000 it administered in fiscal year 1994-95, approximately \$1,785,000 (80 percent) was distributed to domestic violence programs and agencies; the remaining \$473,000 (20 percent) was given to sexual assault programs.

The division received its funding from both state and federal sources. Iowa state tax revenues or general funds contributed the majority of the division's funding, approximately \$1,428,000. The remainder came from two federal sources, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state formula grant, and the Victims of Crime Act.

Federal and State Funding Reported by Iowa State Government Agencies

Figure 5 and exhibit 9 show the percentage and amounts of funds that came from federal and state sources. The Iowa Department of Justice received almost two-thirds of its funding from the state government.

Exhibit 9. Federal and state funding totals reported by Iowa state agencies

Federal	\$830,000
State	\$1,428,000
Total	\$2,258,000

Figure 5. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Iowa state agencies

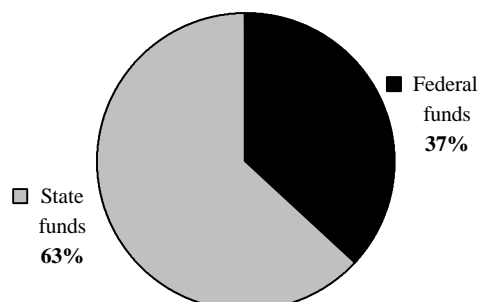


Exhibit 10 lists the sources of government funding reported by the Iowa Department of Justice. State funding, which provided the majority of the department's monies, came from tax revenues or a general state fund.

Almost three-fourths of the federal funding was provided by the Victims of Crime Act, with the remaining one-fourth coming from a state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention Services Act.

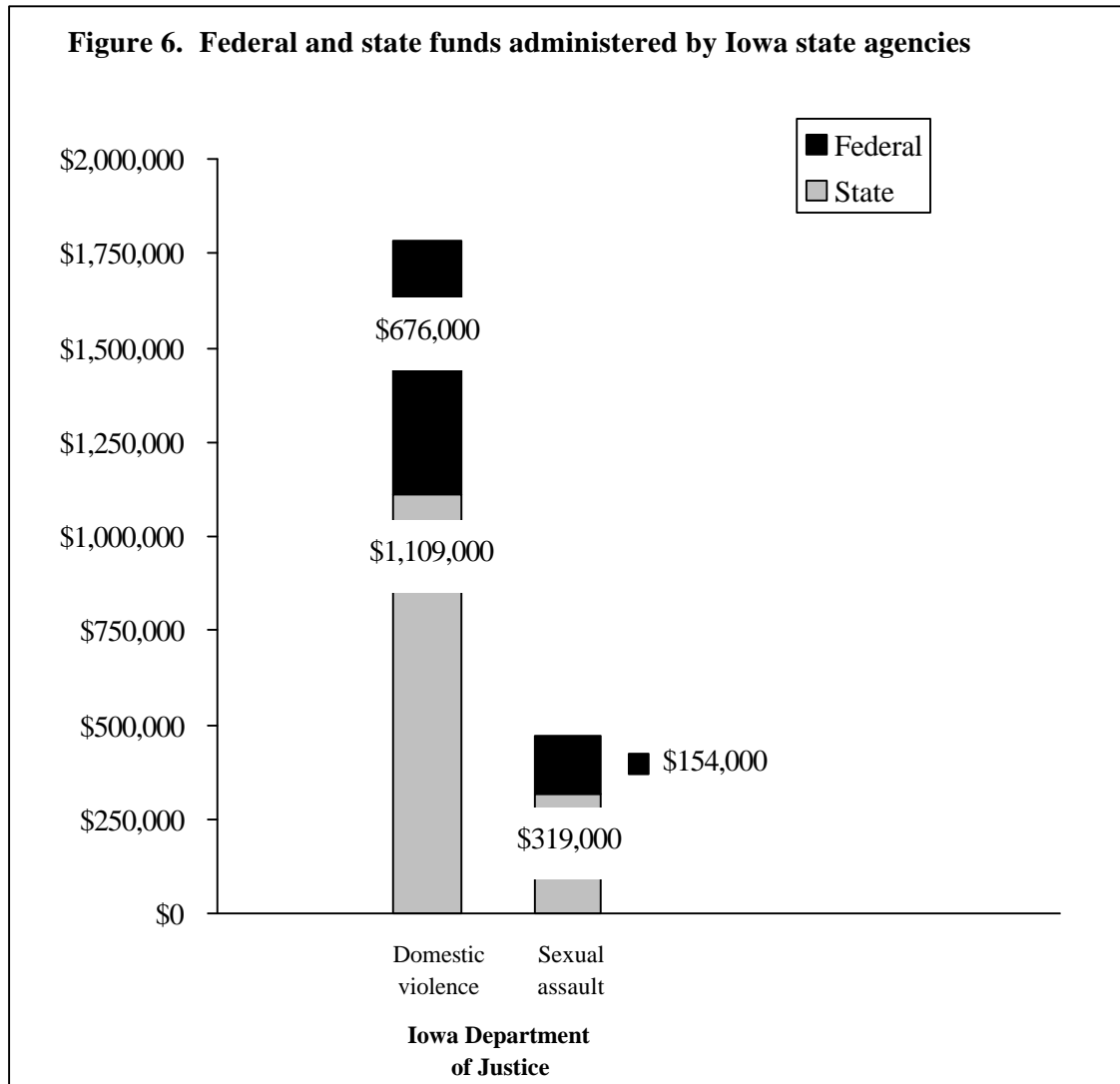
Exhibit 10. Sources of government funding reported by Iowa state agencies

<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA), state formula grant - \$215,000 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$615,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax revenues/General fund \$1,428,000

Figure 6 shows that an overwhelming majority of both the federal and state funding administered by the Iowa Department of Justice went to programs and services for domestic violence.

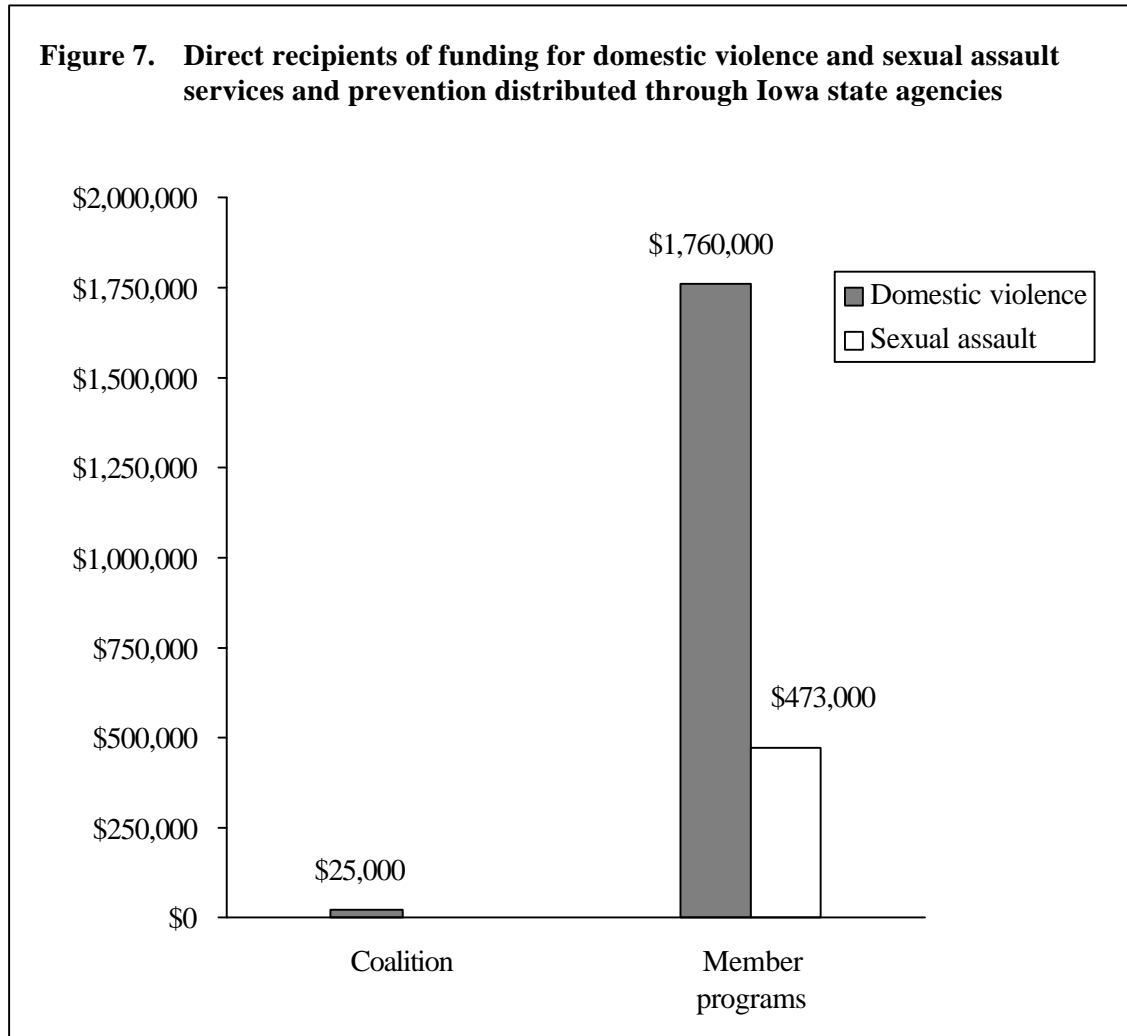
All of the federal funding from the state formula grant of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (\$215,000) was used for domestic violence purposes. Monies received from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) were divided among domestic violence and sexual assault services, with 75 percent of VOCA funding being used for domestic violence services (\$461,000), and 25 percent for sexual assault purposes (\$154,000).

The state funding (\$1,428,000) that was distributed to domestic violence and sexual assault programs came from tax revenues/general fund.



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Local domestic violence member programs received approximately 78 percent of the funding distributed by the Iowa Department of Justice during fiscal year 1994-95. Another 21 percent of funding went to local sexual assault member programs, and the remaining one percent of funds was distributed to the state coalition for domestic violence programs. Figure 7 displays the dollar amounts that were distributed to these recipients.



Local Programs and Services Funded through State Agencies

The Iowa Department of Justice funded 28 local domestic violence programs and 27 local sexual assault programs. All of these were members of either the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence or the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault. The services offered by these member programs are shown in exhibits 1, 2, 5 and 6 in the coalition section of this state's report.